

MEETING #11 - March 9

At a regular meeting (#1) of the Madison County Board of Supervisors on March 9, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the War Memorial Building courtroom at 2 S Main Street:

PRESENT R. Clay Jackson, Chair
 Charlotte Hoffman, Vice-Chair
 Kevin McGhee, Member
 Amber Foster, Member (*Via GoToMeeting Platform*)
 Carty Yowell, Member
 Jack Hobbs, County Administrator
 Sean Gregg, County Attorney
 Jacqueline Frye, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order, Determine Quorum, Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence Determine Presence of a Quorum/Adopt Agenda

Chairman Jackson advised that a quorum was present.

Chairman Jackson advised that the following will need to be added to the Consent Agenda:

1. Supplemental Appropriations (4)
2. Debt Resolution (#2021-5)

And:

Following the acceptance of the Agenda, a motion will be needed to allow Supervisor Foster to join virtually.

The County Attorney referred to the fact that today's request will be Supervisor Foster's second request to attend virtually;

To which the Chairman explained that the first request was COVID related, which doesn't count; today's request will actually be her first non-COVID related request.

Supervisor McGhee moved to adopt today's Agenda as amended, seconded by Supervisor Hoffman. **Aye: Jackson, Hoffman, McGhee, Yowell. Nay: (0). Absent: Foster.**

0. Motion for Madison County Non-Emergency Meeting Conducted Electronically Statement

The County Administrator reported that:

"Supervisor Foster advised Chairman Jackson on March 9, 2021, that she will be unable to be physically present for this meeting due to a transportation problem. It was noted that Supervisor Foster is participating in the session electronically from the road somewhere between Charlottesville and her residence.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 2.4.F of the Madison County Board of Supervisors Bylaws and Rules of Procedure, Supervisor Hoffman moved to conduct this meeting electronically in compliance with Virginia Code Section §2.2-3708.2 and confirm that:

A. A quorum of the Board is physically present

B. Adequate arrangements have been made for the voice of the Member to be heard by all persons in this room."

Seconded by Supervisor Yowell. **Aye: Jackson, Hoffman, McGhee, Yowell. Nay: (0). Absent: Foster.**

Public Comment: *Chairman Jackson opened the floor for public comment. With no comment(s) being brought forth, the comment opportunity was closed.*

Special Appearances:

1. Report: Broadband Task Force (Yowell & McGhee): Supervisor Yowell advised that Mr. Peter Work, Broadband Taskforce member, will provide highlights, followed by the Board's representatives.

Peter Work, Broadband Taskforce representative, was present to provide highlights regarding the Madison County Board of Supervisors' action to create a Broadband Taskforce with a mission to:

a. study

b. opine

And

c. Report on the Commission's recommendation that the Board establish a Broadband Authority for Madison County, in an effort to facilitate the extension of affordable, high-speed, broadband service, as well as cellular phone service throughout the locality, pursuant to the Virginia Wireless Authorities Act

Currently, the Broadband Taskforce consists of:

Supervisor Yowell

Supervisor McGhee

Mike Mosko, Commission Chair

Francoise Seillier-Moiseiwitsch, Commission Member

Peter Work, Commission Member

With a mission to consider and opine on the

To date, the Broadband Task force has:

a. Studied the Virginia Wireless Services Authority Act

b. Conferred with State Officials at the Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI)

c. Met with and conversed with representatives from neighboring jurisdictions (Albemarle, Culpeper, Greene, Orange & Rappahannock

d. Talked with broadband providers (including REC and Madison Gigabit)

e. Developed a plan of action for creating a Broadband Authority

Addition highlights focused on reasons for recommending the creation of an authority, which would greatly enhance:

- Education
- Economic opportunity
- Healthcare
- Public safety
- Energy & the environment
- Agriculture
- Governmental performance & civic engagement

Additional information provided focused on the Authorities established in:

- Albemarle
- Orange
- Culpeper (establishment of a Broadband Committee)

In closing, he noted that a detailed report is provided in today's meeting packet, and questioned if the County would desire to:

- Advertise notice of and to hold a public hearing whether to create a Broadband Authority
- Decide upon the appropriate size and composition of said authority
- Recruit members with desired skills and experience
- Prepare articles of incorporation for the authority and file them with the State Corporation Commission to obtain a charter
- Determine and authorize initial staffing and budgetary support for the authority
- Authorize use of the Visitor's Centers' upstairs conference room and some office space to accommodate initiate meeting/activities of the authority
- Suggested size of membership (as recommended by the Virginia Wireless Service Authorities suggestions)

Comments from the Board:

- *Supervisor McGhee: Referred to the fact that the pandemic has exposed the lack of internet/wireless capability throughout the locality and many weaknesses due to the lack of adequate service and connectivity; verbalized skepticism as to whether the public would be willing to invest in the endeavor the County is going to have to look for ways to secure funding mechanisms to assist with providing effective connectivity within the County; verbalized much interest in responses from the citizens on this endeavor.*
- *Supervisor Yowell: Referred to the fact that the value of the authority must not be understated, and that the powers of the Board of Supervisors over the authority will be limited to those appointed to serve on the authority, even though the Board may have a few members who serve; also suggested that if a resolution will be put into place, he encouraged that the public know what the concept means in order to provide effective input; encouraged folks to read through the document as provided; additional highlights focused on the fact that:*
 - i. Three (3) out of five (5) Counties have established an authority (page 6)*
 - ii. The Board of Supervisors elected to create an authority (page 8)*
 - iii. There are 'pros/cons' of establishing an authority*
 - iv. Most authorities have at least seven (7) members, which include at least two (2) BOS members with one consisting of the entire Board*
 - *Feels there is an asset to having a Board member in place*
 - *Rappahannock County representatives advised that Madison County could share grant writing opportunities with Madison*
 - *Assess input from Rappahannock Electric Cooperative**Suggested that an advertisement be published in order to attain input from the citizens.*

The County Attorney advised that he will research the existing lawsuit, and noted that Central Virginia Electric Cooperative (out of Louisa County) is the entity involved in the lawsuit (i.e. not REC).

Supervisor Hoffman: Advised that she read today's document that has been presented.

Chairman Jackson: Questioned the budget for the authority (established in Rappahannock County); To which Chuck Jackson, MAD/RAPP, advised that Rappahannock County has yet to adopt the bylaws and that there is now a dispute over why the Board Chairman should be the Chair of their Broadband Authority.

Additional questions focused on:

- Staff time that may be required
- Outline of associated costs (i.e. start-up vs. ongoing)

- Whether grant funding can be attained if an authority is vs. isn't in place

Mr. Work suggested that the Board advertise to search for qualified members with a strong interest to serve on the Broadband Authority; noted that the County may consider forming a partnership with Rappahannock (and not a joint authority), REC and other service providers; also provided a list of cell, cable and fiber providers.

Chairman Jackson: Referred to the structure of the membership (i.e. seven [7] members), and the scope of what an authority can do; questioned if this is based on the articles of incorporation or state mandate;

To which the County Attorney advised that (in his opinion) forming a Broadband Authority for anything other than to attain WIFI, may be a bit cumbersome, and referred to the amount of structure that will be in place.

Tracey Gardner, Director of Economic Development & Tourism, was present to provide highlights of a recent discussion on property rights as it pertains to attaining broadband services.

Supervisor Yowell: Suggested that the following individuals would be consulted on the broadband issue:

- Tracey Gardner, Director of Economic Development & Tourism
- Brian Gordon, Director of Emergency Communications
- Clint Hyde, Madison Gigabit
- Bruce Livingston, IT

The Finance Director was present and advised that IT is currently under a heavy workload with the extensive projects; feels that adding the request to participate in broadband activities will place additional time constraints on staff. Chairman Jackson noted that today's request will not require massive amounts of staff time, but input from IT staff is absolutely essential.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to request that the Broadband taskforce discuss today's input and return further feedback in regards to whether or not to appoint a Broadband Authority.

Consent Agenda

2.
 - A. Approve Minutes from the February 23, 2021 Meeting
 - B. Waive Permit and Solid Waste Disposal Fees for the May 1, 2021 Madison Day Event
 - C. Approve Payment of Invoices from Bond Proceeds
 - (\$864,528.11 for the Madison Primary School & \$84,638.06 for the Co. Adm. Ctr. Renovations)
 - i. FY21 Adopted Capital Budget [Resolution #2021-5]
 - ii. FY2021 Proposed Supplemental Appropriation #47 - \$487,344.00
 - iii. FY2021 Proposed Supplemental Appropriation #48 - \$4,360.88
 - iv. FY2021 Proposed Supplemental Appropriation #49 - \$32,201.71
 - v. FY2021 Proposed Supplemental Appropriation #50 - \$2,691.25

Supervisor Yowell moved that the Board adopt the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor McGhee. **Aye: Jackson, Hoffman, McGhee, Yowell. Nay: (0). Absent: Foster**

Resolution #2021-5 reads as follows:

RESOLUTION # 2021-5

RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 MADISON COUNTY CAPITAL BUDGET FOR MARCH
2021

WHEREAS, on May 12, 2020 the Madison County Board of Supervisors adopted a Capital Budget for Madison County for Fiscal Year 2021 in the amount of \$27,301,962; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2021 Adopted Capital Budget includes school operations and capital funding for the Madison County School Division equaling \$7,862,640; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is required to appropriate for actual expenditure the adopted Fiscal Year 2021 budget; and

WHEREAS, 15.2-2506 and §21.1-94 of the Code of Virginia indicate that the Board of Supervisors may make annual, semiannual, quarterly or monthly appropriations for contemplated expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors desires to make a monthly appropriation for capital expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 9th day of March 2021, that the Madison County Board of Supervisors hereby appropriates the Fiscal Year 2021 Adopted Capital Budget for March 2021 in the amounts specified for each fund contained in said budget; with such appropriations summarized below:

General Operations	\$ 31,052
County Capital Projects Fund	1,800
School Capital Projects Fund	-

Total Capital Appropriations	\$ 32,852

Adopted this 9th day of March, 2021, by the Madison County Board of Supervisors, on motion of Supervisor Yowell, seconded by Supervisor McGhee.

Constitutional Officers, County Departments, Committees & Organizations

3. A. Committee Appointments (Frye): The Deputy Clerk advised that, James M. Lohr and Roger L. Clatterbuck have advised that they desire to serve another five-year term on the Board of Zoning Appeals Board; And that: John Stamp and Scott Lohr have expressed a willingness to serve an additional four-year term on the Building Code Board of Appeals through 3'10'2025, which will still leave one (1) existing vacancy on the BCAB.

Ms. Suzanne Long will also be notified that the Board accepts the reappointment request for James Lohr and Roger L. Clatterbuck to the Board of Zoning Appeals Board (through 4'17'26).

Supervisor McGhee moved to reappoint John Stamp and Scott Lohr to serve an additional four (4) year term on the Building Code Board of Appeals (through 3'10'2025), seconded by Supervisor Hoffman. ***Aye: Jackson, Hoffman, McGhee, Yowell. Nay: (0). Absent: Foster.***

B. Monthly Reports:

Treasurer: Stephanie Murray, Treasurer, was present and advised that her department is working to collect delinquent tax payments.

Clerk of the Circuit Court: Leeta Louk, Clerk of the Circuit Court, was present to advise that her office processed the following:

- 198 deeds
- 4 marriage licenses issued
- \$91,600 was allocated to the State
- \$29,283 was allocated to the County
- Concealed weapons permits are still being purchased
- Jury trials haven't yet commenced
- Verbalized concerns as to parking in the town once jury trials reconvene

- *Chairman Jackson: Advised that the issues with parking have been incorporated into the CIP and are being assessed.*

Department of Social Services: Valerie Ward, Director of Social Services, was present to advise that things are going well in her department; efforts are being initiated to ensure that the County's children and elderly have the necessary food and other supplies that they need; there are currently twenty-nine (29) local children in foster care and thirteen (13) young adults, which is a record low.

CPMT: Chairman Jackson advised that a member of the CPMT hasn't been attending meetings.

- *Supervisor Hoffman: Suggested that a letter be sent to inquire as to whether the member is still interested in serving,*

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to request that a letter be sent to the applicant to for input.

Planning Commission: Pete Elliott, Commission member, was present and advised that the Commission is working on a variety of items, and is willing to review other recommendations as provided by the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner of the Revenue: Brian Daniel, Commissioner of the Revenue, was present and advised that his staff is working on personal property and real estate assessments and getting information updated in the land books.

Facilities: Roger Berry, Director of Facilities, advised that the landfill has produced several tons of mulch; DEQ inspection scheduled for Friday; currently have four (4) students performing community service at the landfill.

E911: Brian Gordon, Director of Emergency Communications, was present and advised that he has conversed with the State regarding the NextGen grant process; was informed that the State doesn't plan to fund the course, which was previously approved several months ago; however, there was an increase in funds from the state recently with a response that there are plans to honor the prior commitment to fund the recorders ; requested that the Board allow acceptance of the upgrade and reimbursement (\$2,650.44) which is already noted in the budget; right-of-way at Hoover Ridge tower site should be brought before the Planning Commission in April 2012 - will start attending meetings to help answer any questions pertaining to the request; advised that full connectivity with Verizon should be in place and going live and the end of May/first of June 2021.

IT: Bruce Livingston, IT, was present and advised that he has been working with the contractors and architects to get audio visual in place at 410 N Main and 414 N Main; helping establish VPN at other offices on Main Street.

Emergency Management Services: John Sherer, Emergency Management Services Coordinator, was present to report that:

- 400 folks are being vaccinated every Wednesday at the Madison County Firehouse
- 4,544 citizens have received at least one vaccination
- 1,669 citizens have received both vaccinations

- 1,000 doses were administered at the Culpeper Clinic last week
- Plans are for vaccination clinics to be in place until early April 2021
- County's allocation of the vaccination has been increasing each week
- VDH hopes to have everyone vaccinated by the summer
- COVID hotline has received 2,388 calls between February 1-March 1, 2021

EMS: Noah Hillstrom, Director of Emergency Medical Services, was present and provided the following highlights from his monthly report:

- 142 calls
- 11 minutes average response time (many in Syria)
- Currently fully staffed
- Working to recruit for a few vacant FTE candidates for future paramedic slots
- Mental health work-up has been provided in today's packet for review
- Current report yielded outcome for the entire county
- Cost will be about \$3,334 monthly for all employees (\$24.33 per Madison County employee) through "Talk Space" (virtual component) for a 12-month period
- Recommended that the County elect to utilize the aforementioned service for at least 12 months

The County Administrator advised that the inquiry for mental health support has been on the County's docket for a while; plans will be to ask for this service in the upcoming budget process; verbalized support and plans to perform a work-up for review and consideration.

Mr. Hillstrom noted that several EMS staff are now capable of providing COVID vaccinations if necessary; the rescue squad assistance grant will allow for the purchase of additional CPR devices and AED's. Highlights were provided regarding a sudden cardiac arrest incident in the County where an athletic training coach was provided assistance by Katherine Crothamel by use of an AED which resulted in a life-saving endeavor. Noted that additional AED's will allow for quick response and allow people to defibrillate and perform emergency CPR techniques in order to save lives.

Old Business

4. EMS: Report on Additional Leased Space at 1490A N. Main Street (Hillstrom): Noah Hillstrom, Director of Emergency Medical Services, noted that the current tenant at 1490 N. Main Street (Poised & Polished) will be vacating their existing space and requested that this space (of about 900 sq. ft at a cost of \$900 per month) will be secured for use by his department, as it will allow his staff to operate in a more efficient manner; also noted that Mr. David James (owner) has asked that the lease be in force for at least three (3) years.

The County Administrator advised that emergency medical services personnel do need additional space, and that today's proposal will be a temporary fix for about three (3) years; suggested that the Board also assess what can be done on a long-term basis.

- *Supervisor Hoffman: Advised that based on conversations with Steve Grayson, Madison County Volunteer Rescue Squad, a more permanent space could be available within a year.*

Mr. Hillstrom provided a diagramed layout of the existing space and also noted that a more permanent space option would be effective; will also converse with Mr. James to attain a layout of the work that he's planning to do to the recent vacated building space.

After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to request that Mr. Hillstrom consult with Mr. James to see if he would be willing to consider the establishment of a one or two-year lease instead, and report back to the Board within two weeks.

Mr. Hillstrom also provided a photograph of department staff in an official EMS uniform; noted that this is something that can be budgeted for the future, as it's consistent with what other rescue personnel are wearing.

Economic Development & Tourism: Tracey Gardner, Director of Economic Development & Tourism, was present and advised that a correspondence was received from the Department of Recreation pertaining to scheduling a public hearing for the scenic byway designation of Route 231;

To which the Board of Supervisors noted that a public hearing has been held and requested that signage be erected to denote and publicize the approved designation.

Additional highlights from her departmental report focused on:

- The Virginia Travel guide has Madison County (Red River Farm) pictured on the cover
- 2021 has been designated as the "year of the road trip"
- Currently have one (1) tenant at \$100 per month at the Visitor's Center beginning March 1st
- Ace Collision is utilizing their additional Body Shop at same location and looks great.
- Catch the Chef, Wolftown mercantile and Cake Krums will be offering delivery services
- Health and Wellness Medical Services, LLC changed their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting to March 20th.
- Orange Madison Family Physicians is coming to Madison where Wellspring was located
- Madison Day is on for 2021; Karen Coppage is currently looking for volunteers for May 1st
- Attended Virtual Tourism Industry call March 1st
- Attended weekly CVPED meetings, VEDA Impact ED meetings and spring Virtual conference later in the month. CVSBDC Advisory meeting Tuesday, March 9th.
- Google analytics was down, hope to have numbers before the meeting
- Several Central VA SBDC seminars this week including Success Through e-commerce, managing
- Sending out updated SBA info and PPP info as it comes in
- Follow up work done for the IDA Board
- Received VABB info
- Blueway designation for Route 231 will now begin at Spicer's Mill on Route 15

Finance: Mary Jane Costello, Finance Director, advised that an offer has been made to a potential candidate for the Accounting Manager position with no confirmation received for a start date; working with EMS on their departmental budget and recommended that current numbers for the department continue through until April/May 2021, and that numbers be assessed at that time.

IT: The Finance Director noted that the work required for IT staff on 410 N Main and 414 N Main will have a considerable impact on the IT budget; IT budget hasn't been compiled and will need to be done.

ERP Project: The Finance Director noted that the all vendors for the ERP project want to approach the project in a different way and that every phase has a separate kick-off date established; a detailed schedule for the vendors was presented for review; reported that a meeting with representatives from Avinity has been scheduled for March 18, 2021 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Budget Session - 3'18'2021: Discussions focused on the need to move the budget session to a later time on March 18, 2021 in order to allow for the Finance Director, Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue to attend.

Commonwealth Attorney: Clarissa Berry, Commonwealth Attorney, was present (via virtual platform) and advised that all is going well in her office; questioned whether her office will be connected to the fiber along Main Street and

whether there is a timeline for this to be initiated, and also questioned the time frame for the project; noted that the Assistant Commonwealth Attorney has experienced a positive life-changing event and will return to the office shortly.

Bruce Livingston, IT, was present and advised that the Commonwealth Attorney's office will be the last office to receive connectivity at this time, and that funding will be required.

The Finance Director noted that discussions have been held with Mr. Livingston to discuss what will need to be done within the budget to accommodate the cost for installing fiber.

- *Chairman Jackson: Noted that efforts are being done to install fiber at 410 N. Main and 414 N. Main, as well as other county offices; costs will be compiled and initiated within the IT budget; it's also anticipated that the mission to install fiber should be complete within a years' time.*

5. Report: Furniture & Fixtures for County Administration Center: The Deputy Clerk provided a draft of estimates for equipment needed for 410 N. Main and 414 N. Main Street with an estimated total for all purchases.

The County Administrator advised that no budget has been established for the proposed purchases; goal is to complete the project during FY21 so monies for furniture and fixtures for the renovated space would not be included in the FY22 budget; advised that more concrete numbers will be provided once all details have been sorted out.

New Business

6. FY22 Budget Worksession (Hobbs): The County Administrator provided a packet for the upcoming budget work session, and it has been added to the website. Highlights of the report were verbalized as follows:

- Revenue projections/County's tax base

Stephanie Murray, Treasurer, was present and advised that numbers haven't yet been received from the state; County has currently received about \$500,000 more in revenue compared to what was received this time last year; feels that the effects of the ongoing pandemic haven't affected Madison as much as it has on the more urban areas within the state; VPA and CSA funding was calculated based on FY20 actuals with an additional five percent (5%) being added to each line item; if the real estate and personal property rates remain the same, the budget will be about \$349,000 less than the previous fiscal year; the emergency legislation that allowed a gain of funding in 2021 will disappear after June 30, 2021; most line items are about the same as last year, excluding grant funding which can't actually be budgeted until the funds have been received.

The County Administrator advised that more will be known by the next budget Worksession, once the budgets have been reviewed from the school and constitutional offices. Board members were asked to present any questions on today's document to the County Administrator.

Additional highlights included the following:

- Healthcare costs: A slight increase is anticipated
- Budget Request Presentations: No budget request has been received from the following:
 - ❖ Health Department
 - ❖ Internet Technology
 - ❖ Emergency Medical Services
- Goals & Priorities: Board expectations on goal dates

- Capital Improvement Plan: Summary of projected capital spending on vehicles, construction project, etc. hasn't been presented to date
- "Baked In" Budget: Includes proposed healthcare cost increase; COLA for full-time employees; pay adjustments for part-time employees and some full-time positions; revenue needs; sale of real estate (Criglersville Elementary School, Thrift Road Complex)
- School Budget: Budget expected to be adjusted to include the proposed five percent (5%) pay increase approved by legislature
- CSA Budget: Program is trending; proposing to budget a five percent (5%) increase over FY20 actual figures
- County Administrator Center furniture & fixtures: Project completion will require an uplift which hasn't been scoped; cost estimates and a needs list is being compiled
- Administration fees: Annual update to building department fees
- Donations: Many requests are higher than last years
- Simple and 'external agency' budgets: Most are required, set or at least non-controversial
- Cigarette Tax: Ordinance needs to be in place before enforcement can be initiated; net revenue is questionable at this time
- Personnel Items: Multiple requests for conversion of PT to FT; increase in PT hours and pay raises
- Financial software implementation costs: Additional PT and OT will be required to implement the systems and has been requested by multiple departments
- Employee counseling services: The pandemic and other factors have created a need for better employee counseling in the areas of mental health, therapy, and addressing personal issues and others
- Upcoming Milestone dates: balanced budget presented; discussed; authorization to advertise budget; budget hearing and approval

The following items were tentatively agreed to by consensus:

22300: Legal Aid (Funding allocation eliminated for this agency)

32200 Madison Volunteer Fire Dept (Funding increase due to aide that will be allocated to the County)

51100: Madison Health Department: No budget request received to date

52200: RRCSB (Funding increase accepted due to improvement of services rendered)

51700 Piedmont Regional Dental Clinic (Entity transferred assets to Culpeper Wellness; County Administrator advised to reach out to the organization)

71100: Parks & Recreation: Increase being sought was accepted to fund salary increase for two (2) existing positions

72501: Boys & Girls Club (Funding allocation reduced to \$2,000)

72602: Senior Center (No budget request presented - funding allocation to remain at \$500)

Funding allocation to remain flat for:

72604: Madison County Fair

81100: Planning Commission

81111: Central VA Econ. Dev. Pship.

81300: Foothills Hsg. Corp.

81301: Aging Together

81400: Board of Zoning Appeals

81401: Building Code Appeals Board

81600: Rappahannock Rapidan Plan. Dist.

81601: VA Regional Transit

81700: Geographic Information System

82600: Forestry Service

83400: Northern VA 4-H TXF-DEBT Svc. (Fund 40)

81900: Skyline CAP

82200: Rappahannock River Basin Comm.
81800: Virginia Career Works -Pied. (Funding allocation will be reduced to \$500)
82400: Culpeper Soil & Water Cons. Dist. (Funding increase accepted)
81100: SBDC (Funding allocation set at \$500)
Allocation to be set at \$500
Mad Cats (No budget request submitted)
Madison Early Learning Center (Funding request will not be allocated)

After discussion, it was questioned if the Madison Free Clinic has applied for any of the Cares Act Funding; it was the consensus of the Board to elimination funding allocation, to which Supervisor Yowell abstained from participating in the Board consensus.

The Finance Director advised that the consolidated budget will need to be added to the County' website and that she needs a generated line item budget; noted that comparative numbers will also be necessary.

- *Chairman Jackson: Advised that all necessary information needs to be put in order to ensure that the County is in compliance with all budgetary guidelines.*

It was further noted that a budget work session has been scheduled for March 18, 2021 with a balanced budget being presented on March 23, 2021 prior to advertisement.

Additional comments from the Finance Director focused on generic benefits.

- *Chairman Jackson: Stressed the fact that calculation of the budgetary items is a major priority and must be completed and in order within the time constraints as established; also referred to the recommended pay increases and additional positions; additional discussions will be needed on the following new positions:*

12110 County Administrator (request to add FT Management Specialist - \$81,281.52 & FT shared employee - \$47,358.46]

Discussions focused on the large amounts associated with the aforementioned positions.

The Finance Director noted that the job descriptions for the aforementioned positions does include job duties that are currently being initiated by existing personnel; suggested that the County not have two (2) employees with the same type of job description and duties.

- *Supervisor McGhee referred to the fact that a five percent (5%) COLA will total about \$70,000 which will result in an additional two cents (2) tax increase.*

Information/Correspondence

County Code: The County Administrator advised that the updated County code of ordinances has been uploaded to the County website.

Events at Hoover Ridge: The County Administrator reminded the Board that the revised code exempts the PRA from having to obtain permission from the Board to hold special events at the site.

Bond Release: The County Administrator reminded the Board that the revised code also eliminated the need for the Board to set and release bond amounts for permitted erosion and sediment control projects.

County Admin Bldg. Furniture & Fixtures: The County Administrator advised that information is being compiled for furniture and fixtures, and IT equipment that will be needed for the conference rooms, plus appropriate signage.

Rapidan Service Authority: The County Administrator advised that Steven S. Hoffman has officially resigned from the Rapidan Service Authority; his current term was set to expire in June 2021 and that his replacement can be discussed in closed session.

Disposal of County Property: The Board had requested that a public hearing be held on the proposed disposal of the Criglersville Elementary School and the Thrift Road Complex, which was scheduled due to an oversight; this will still need to be advertised.

The County Administrator advised that the government is proposing to allocate another round of “CARES Act” funding to the localities; it was noted that the County will have until December 2024 to spend these funds; suggested that the Board consider using these monies to help fund an EMS station.

The Finance Director referred to the list of priorities provided by the County Administrator and advised that the schedule for Tyler is slightly different; noted that representatives at Tyler Technologies are trying to get the county to commit to the need to have more time, which isn't the case.

Public Comment

Chairman Jackson opened the floor for public comment. The following individual(s) provided comment(s):

Tiny Tang (Fairfax, VA) was present and read the following letter for the record:

"I am originally from China and now a US citizen living in Fairfax County. I am very excited to address you today, because I could never do this in China. This is especially true because I am a Falun Gong practitioner. Falun Gong teaches gentle exercises, meditation, and the principles of Truthfulness, Compassion, and Tolerance. It has benefited the holistic health of over a hundred million people around the world. Because of Falun Gong's roots in ancient Chinese spirituality and its unprecedented popularity, the Chinese Communist Party outlawed the practice in 1999. It also began a brutal persecution of Falun Gong practitioners, which continues to this day. Millions of innocent Chinese were arrested and tortured just for telling people about Falun Gong, including my Mom. She was arrested 6 times. The US State Department has cited credible reports that the CCP has gone so far as to execute and sell the organs of Falun Gong practitioners. China has become a major international center for organ transplants, and many American patients travel there for this purpose. In fact, a Northern VA resident recently received an offer from China of a kidney transplant for \$50,000. The issue of forced organ harvesting in China has been underreported in the US media. In response, Fairfax, Shenandoah, Frederick, Prince William and Loudoun Counties recently passed resolutions to educate their residents about the practice, and today I ask you to do the same. Please introduce and pass a resolution to raise awareness of this issue. We are submitting petitions from local residents in support of this request." Currently, we cannot stop the CCP from committing this crime, but your action will prevent the citizens of Madison County from becoming the unwitting accomplices to murder of innocent people and also help educate our citizens about the evil nature of the Chinese Communist Party."

Ling Faun: (formerly of Vietnam) was also present to read the following letter for the record:

"I live in Prince William County and would like to make comments on the issue of organ harvesting. Here in the US, we would consider it shocking to think that a government would deprive someone of their livelihood, freedom and even of their life because of their religious affiliation, but this occurs in China regularly, as officials of the Chinese Communist Party have turned inconsideration of people of faith into a profit generating enterprise. A group of distinguished international experts recently quoted that 'forced organ harvesting has been committed for years throughout China on a significant scale' and government partitioners have been one of the main sources or organ supply. The CCP atrocious crime has been initiated on many of other religious faiths as well. This issue should concern the citizens of Madison County because members of the community that need an organ may consider traveling to China for a transplant without an awareness of the organ harvesting activity that is practiced there. In the US, the wait for a matching liver or kidney can take several years; however, in China, these organs can be supplied in a matter of weeks. Can you imagine finding out after the fact that your new organ was taken from a person who had been imprisoned for his/her religious beliefs and then executed just so the CCP could provide you with his/her

organ(s)? Imagine the effect on your emotional and future well-being to have to live with this knowledge for the rest of your life. I hope you all will consider passing a resolution to alert the residents and medical professionals about this issue so that they may make an informative decision they travel to China for an organ transplant. Thank you very much for your support."

With no further comment(s) being brought forth, the public comment opportunity was closed.

Closed Session -

On motion of Supervisor Hoffman, seconded by Supervisor McGhee, the Board convened in a closed session pursuant to Virginia Code Sections:

- A. 2.2-3711(A)(7) for consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probably litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigation posture of the public body;
- B. 2.2-3711(A)(29) for discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiation strategy of the public body;
- C. 2.2-3711 [Personnel] Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for appointment to the Rapidan Services Authority and other committees; and
- D. 2.2-3711(A)(1) for discussion on the assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of the County Administrator.

Aye: Jackson, Hoffman, McGhee, Foster, Yowell. Nay: (0).

****Supervisor Hoffman left during the closed session****

Supervisor McGhee moved that the Board reconvene in open session, seconded by Supervisor Yowell. ***Aye: Jackson, McGhee, Foster, Yowell. Nay: (0). Absent: Hoffman.***

Supervisor McGhee moved to certify that only matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 2.2-3711(A)(1), 2.2-3711(A)(7) and 2.2-3711(A)(29) and only matters that were identified in the motion to convene in a closed session were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting, seconded by Supervisor Foster ***Aye: Jackson, McGhee, Foster, Yowell. Nay: (0). Absent: Hoffman.***

It was noted that Steven S. Hoffman had resigned his appointment as one of Madison County's representatives on the Rapidan Service Authority and that he had provided twenty-one (21) years of service to Madison County in that role.

On motion of Supervisor McGhee, seconded by Supervisor Foster, Supervisor Yowell was appointed to fill the remainder of Steven S. Hoffman's term on the Rapidan Service Authority, which expires on June 24, 2021. ***Aye: Jackson, McGhee, Foster, Yowell. Nay: (0). Absent: Hoffman***

Adjourn:

With no further action being required, on motion of Supervisor McGhee at about 7:56 p.m., seconded by Supervisor Yowell, the meeting was adjourned until 6:00 p.m. on March 18t, 2021 in the War Memorial Building Courtroom for a budget work session. ***Aye: Jackson, McGhee, Foster, Yowell. Nay: (0). Absent: Hoffman.***

R. Clay Jackson, Chairman
Madison County Board of Supervisors

Clerk of the Board of the Madison County Board of Supervisors
Copies: Board of Supervisors, County Attorney & Constitutional Officers
Adopted on: March 23, 2021

Adopted Items:

Resolution #2021-5 [Appropriate the FY2021 Madison County Capital Budget for March 2021]



Agenda

Board of Supervisors Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 4:00 PM
War Memorial Building Courtroom
2 S. Main Street
Madison, Virginia 22727

Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Determine Presence of a Quorum / Adopt Agenda

Public Comment

Special Appearances

1. Report: Broadband Task Force (Yowell & McGhee)

Consent Agenda

2. A. Minutes from the February 23, 2021 Meeting
- B. Permit and solid waste disposal waiver for the May 1, 2021 Madison Day Event
- C. Payment of project invoices from bond proceeds (\$968,527.85)
- D. Resolution 2021-5: Capital budget appropriation (\$32,852)
- E. Supplement 21-47: 3 new school buses (\$487,344)
- F. Supplement 21-48: Reallocation of capital budget for fiber run (\$4,360.88)
- G. Supplement 21-49: COVID-19 vaccination clinics (\$32,201.71)
- H. Supplement 21-50: Second round of Sheriff's Department bonuses (\$2,691.25)

Constitutional Officers, County Departments, Committees & Organizations

3. A. Committee Appointments (Frye)
- B. Monthly Reports

Old Business

4. EMS: Report on Additional Leased Space at 1490A N. Main Street (Hillstrom)
5. Report: Furniture & Fixtures for County Administrator Center (Frye)

New Business

6. FY22 Budget Worksession (Hobbs)

Information/Correspondence

Public Comment

Closed Session (Negotiation & Legal)

Adjourn Until March 18, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the War Memorial Building Courtroom for a Workshop on the FY22 Budget)